

Commissioners' Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2011

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board meeting room on the thirteenth floor of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Mark C. Scott, Esq. called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller and Chief Clerk Maryjo Gibson.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 7, 2011 combined Commissioners' Workshop and Voting meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve the Consent and Non-Consent items listed below:
 - 204.11 A Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$35,000.00 per listing dated July 8, 2011.
 - 205.11 B. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated July 12, 2011 as follows:
 1. Authorize the promotion of Patricia Cortez, PC002201 Ombudsman to PC007914 Caseworker Supervisor I – Office of Aging, effective 7/20/2011. Rate of \$47,466/annually. Salary budgeted \$54,124/annually. Salary range Minimum \$40,357; Midpoint \$53,809; Maximum \$67,262. Replacement for Dianne Dachowski who was promoted. This request was reviewed and has met the criteria of the Hiring Policy. Budget 28019 – 23150.
 - 206.11 C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution by the Board of Commissioners of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Berks, the Berks County District Attorney's Office and the City of Reading in regard to the allocation of funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$18,613.00 to be applied toward the costs associated with overtime to detectives, investigative expenses and training related to crash reconstruction, and overtime for officers to carry out approximately 5 Operation Nightlight Details, and such other projects as the District Attorney deems appropriate.

- 207.11 D. Adopt a resolution authorizing tax forgiveness of 2009 County taxes including any penalty and interest for Bingaman Road (Parcel Nos. 23-5318-04-90-9906 and 23-5318-04-90-9826) Lower Alsace Township owned by the County of Berks.
- 208.11 E. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Jermaine Edwards of Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term ending June 30, 2017, replacing J. Carlton Godlove, II, who resigned.

Non-Consent Item:

- 209.11 F. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of *Release of All Claims* between the Reading Hospital and Medical Center, PrimeCare, Inc., Berks County Prison Board, Berks County Prison, the Berks County Board of Commissioners and Berks County in regard to pending claims by the Reading Hospital for payment of care and treatment in three consolidated civil actions. Solicitor Alan Miller commented this matter was discussed at Prison Board yesterday, July 13, 2011 and
2. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated July 11, 2011.
3. Motion to authorize payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated July 14, 2011.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA submitted a prepared weekly Treasurer's report.
2. The Controller's weekly report was presented by Deputy Controller Mark Hanson.

Business from the Floor

A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach to accept and approve Project #2 and Project #3 of the Proposal dated July 1, 2011 submitted by Mosteller & Associates, Inc. to provide human resource services to the County's Human Resources Department until the top two positions in the Department are filled. Commissioner Barnhardt voted no to Project #2 of the Proposal citing the fee is excessive and he would like to further negotiate the fee. After discussion by the Board, it was moved as follows:

- 210.11 Adopt a resolution accepting Project 2 – Interim Human Resource Leadership - of the Proposal dated July 1, 2011 submitted by Mosteller & Associates, Inc., of Reading, Pennsylvania at a per diem rate of \$1,100.00; and further authorizes the County Solicitor to negotiate and prepare an Agreement between the County of Berks and Mosteller & Associates, Inc., incorporating acceptable terms and conditions. Motion to approve Project 2 by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Leinbach; Commissioner Barnhardt voted No.
- 211.11 Adopt a resolution accepting Project 3- Interim Labor Negotiation Management, of the Proposal dated July 1, 2011 submitted by Mosteller & Associates, Inc., of Reading, Pennsylvania, at \$150.00 per hour; and further authorizes the County Solicitor to negotiate and prepare an Agreement between the County of Berks and Mosteller & Associates, Inc., incorporating acceptable terms and conditions. Motion to approve Project 3 by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach and all voted unanimously to approve.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk